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For: ANTIBODY PRODUCTION IN

FARM ANIMALS

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Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-referenced application, please enter the following amendments and remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 4-6, 8-11, and 18. Please add claims 19 and 20.

- 4. (Amended) Secretion product according to claim 1, wherein said mammary secretion product is milk.
- 5. (Amended) Secretion product according to claim 1, wherein said antibody is an IgA antibody.
- 6. (Amended) Secretion product according to claim 1, further comprising boosting an immune response to said antigen in said animal.

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(Amended) A mammary secretion product obtainable by a method 8. according to claim 1.

- (Amended) An antibody composition derived from a mammary secretion 9. product according to claim 1.
- Use of a mammary secretion product according to claim 1 for the 10. preparation of a medicament.
- A food product comprising a mammary secretion product according to 11. claim 1.
- Mature milk according to claim 16, wherein said percentage is at least 100 18. percent.
- (New) Use of an antibody composition according to claim 9 for the 19. preparation of a medicament.
- (New) A food product comprising an antibody composition according to 20. claim 9.

REMARKS

Amendment is made to delete all multiple dependencies from the claims, thereby avoiding the need to pay the multiple dependent surcharge.

CONCLUSION

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "Version with markings to show changes made."

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

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IN THE CLAIMS:

- (Amended) Secretion product according to [any one of] claim[s] 1[-3], 4. wherein said mammary secretion product is milk.
- (Amended) Secretion product according to [any one of] claim[s] 1[-4], 5. wherein said antibody is an IgA antibody.
- (Amended) Secretion product according to [any one of] claim[s] 1[-5], 6. further comprising boosting an immune response to said antigen in said animal.
- (Amended) A mammary secretion product obtainable by a method 8. according to [any one of] claim[s] 1[-7].
- (Amended) An antibody composition derived from a mammary secretion 9. product according to [any one of] claim[s] 1[-8].
- Use of a mammary secretion product according to [any one of] 10. claim[s] 1[-8 or an antibody composition according to claim 9,] for the preparation of a medicament.
- A food product comprising a mammary secretion product according to 11. [anyone of] claim[s] 1[-8 or an antibody composition according to claim 9].
- Mature milk according to claim 16 [or 17], wherein said percentage is at 18. least 100 percent.
- (New) Use of an antibody composition according to claim 9 for the 19. preparation of a medicament.
- (New) A food product comprising an antibody composition according to 20. claim 9.

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